No quota has been allotted to Cochin for toordhall. The Government of India have been requested to grant a quota and they have informed that it will be allotted as early as possible.

There is also one more reason for the shortage of pulses in the State. Soon after the cessation of hostilities the Central Government took pulses out of the Basic Plan allowing normal trade channels to function. But the merchants failed to import the bulk of the quota allotted to the State. The Government of India have subsequently included pulses again in the Basic Plan, allowing procurement direct by Governments. The present quota is being imported under this system.

As regards jaggery we have sufficient quantity in our godowns and no appreciable scarcity is felt for it. As for sugar and sooji our quota for these articles is very limited.

DRAWING TEACHERS—PAY OF

210. Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what the old and new grades of pay for the Drawing teachers are;

(*b*) the maximum pay of a Drawing teacher of a High School according to the present scale;

(*c*) the required qualification of a Primary School and that of a High School Drawing teacher;

(*d*) whether there exists a special grade of Drawing teachers for a few High Schools;

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative what extra qualifications do they have over and above the other Drawing teachers;

(*f*) whether the director has received any representation from the Drawing teachers in the matter of revision of their pay?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Old.—Rs. 20 — New

Rs. 20-35 — Rs. 20-1-30-2-40

Rs. 35-50 — Rs. 35-2½-60.

(*b*) The highest pay is Rs. 50. There are 2 grades with Rs. 35 and Rs. 50 as maximum.

(*c*) Primary.—Class 4 of Cochin State and Freehand outline of Model Drawing and any one of painting, Design and Geometrical Drawing (Lower grade).

High Schools.—Form III of Cochin State and Group Certificates in Drawing (Free hand outline and Model Drawing (Lower) Design (Lower) and Painting (Lower).

Note.—Drawing teachers should also pass the practical examination conducted by the Board of Examiners.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) None except seniority.

(*f*) Yes.

MANURE DEPOT—VADAVUKODE

241. Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government have abolished the manure depot at Vadavukode;

(*b*) if so, what were the reasons for abolishing;

(*c*) have the Government issued manure to Vadavukode after the abolition of the depot;

(*d*) if so, on what terms and to whom was it issued;

(*e*) what was the concession rate allowed by the Government then?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):*

(*a*) No. The sale was temporarily stopped for some time, but manures are now issued from the depot.

(*b*) The reason for stopping the sales for some time was at the time of inspection of the depot it was found that the President did not properly account for a sum of Rs. 980—10—5.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) After the sales were stopped for some time, three tons of ground nut cake were issued to the Panchayat for cash at 50 per cent subsidy and the President was instructed to give subsidy of 50 per cent if the manure was intended for food crops. Now manures are issued to the Panchayat on the responsibility of the Panchayat clerk.

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